(b) Does not arise.

(c) The problems of handicapped persons are different from problems of older persons. Older persons cannot be treated as handicapped persons as their problems are related generally to old age and not due to disability due to a handicap.

Export of steel and pig iron products by SAIL

*697. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited has been exporting steel and pig iron products;

(b) if so, the total foreign exchange earned by SAIL by exporting steel and pig iron products;

(c) whether SAIL has any proposal to increase the export of steel and pig iron products in coming years; and

(d) if so, the proposal mooted in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total foreign exchange earned (FOB basis) on exports of Iron & Steel Products during the year 1999- 2000 (April-Dec.'1999) in equivalent rupee terms is Rs. 632.60 crores.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) SAIL has, *inter-alia*, evolved the following strategies to increase exports:

— Value added exports

— Consistent export

— Market segmentation and sustained presence in respective segments

— Improved infrastructure at loading ports and steel plants

— Adequate and suitable market intelligence.

Proposal for Amendment of SC / ST list in Gujarat

*698. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has conveyed its concurrence to the proposal regarding amendment of SC / ST lists of Gujarat for accommodating the Project-affected persons of the Sardar Sarovar Project of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra being resettled in Gujarat at their option as per provisions of the Award of Narmada Water Dispute Tribunal;

(b) whether the proposal has been pending since 1995;

(c) whether the Chief Minister has requested the Prime Minister to amend SC / ST lists of Gujarat through an Ordinance, to resolve the long-pending issue; and

(d) if so, the action being proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The issue is being examined in consultation with State Goverments of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.

Growth Plan for PSUs

*699. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any gorwth plan for all the PSUs in the next 5 / 10 years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, how does Government plan to save PSU from complete disaster?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The individual PSUs are require to draw up long term corporate plans with a time horizon of 5 years and a perspective of another 5—10 years. The corporate plan has to cover among other things growth elements like business development, diversification, joint ventures, technology up-gradation and product development, use of information technology, human resource development, marketing and customer satisfaction.